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Rain Slows North Idaho Grain Harvest

Agricultural Summary

Precipitation interrupted North Idaho's small grain harvest last week, although many farmers were able to make substantial harvest progress before the rains came. Some farmers were concerned about sprout damage as a result of the moisture. For the week ending August 25, major agricultural activities included irrigating, providing water for livestock, cutting hay, and harvesting small grains, dry peas, and lentils.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 23% very short, 46% short, and 31% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Field Crop Report

Most Treasure Valley and Magic Valley farmers have completed small grain harvest, enabling them to turn their focus to other crops, such as potatoes. In Eastern Idaho, dry weather allowed farmers to continue harvesting small grains. Most fruit growers have harvested early varieties of peaches, while harvest of later varieties was expected to begin next week.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Range conditions continued to decline due to the dry weather. Ranchers were hauling water and moving stock during the past week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2002	2001	Avg.
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	17	22	15
Oats Harvested for Grain	32	31	45
Dry Beans Harvested	8	3	6
Lentils Harvested	62	50	52
Dry Peas Harvested	52	68	71
Onions Harvested	8	11	9
Peaches Harvested	25	28	46
Prunes and Plums	10	10	14
Mint Harvested (1 st Cutting)	78	99	80

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potatoes	0	2	19	63	16
Spring Wheat	1	8	20	59	12
Barley	1	6	26	60	7
Irr. Water Supply	8	22	32	38	0
Range and Pasture	4	24	46	26	0

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2002	2001	Avg	2002	2001	Avg	2002	2001	Avg	2002	2001	Avg	2002	2001	Avg
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	13	9	8	8	4	3	0	2	1	3	3	2
Winter Wheat															
Harvested	80	82	74	100	100	99	99	100	95	87	93	77	87	90	81
Spring Wheat															
Harvested	45	29	41	99	100	96	82	82	77	60	59	48	62	59	55
Barley															
Harvested	53	29	43	99	99	97	85	84	86	50	55	46	60	60	56
Alfalfa Hay															
2 nd Cutting Harvested	71	62	81	100	100	100	99	100	100	90	91	88	94	93	94
3 rd Cutting Harvested	NA	NA	NA	80	89	70	48	51	57	6	14	12	39	44	40

Avg (1997-2001); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, August 25, 2002 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of August	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	84	41	65	2	2782	1500	1460	0.00	-0.96	0.01	6.08	12.11
Grangeville	85	44	62	-1	2799	1526	1201	0.07	-0.29	0.12	8.75	13.23
Lewiston	88	51	68	-3	3621	2144	2165	0.22	-0.00	0.54	5.24	5.98
Sand Point	86	41	64	1	2631	1358	1218	0.10	-0.36	0.15	10.04	12.24
Southwest												
Boise	89	50	69	-2	3916	2424	2058	0.00	-0.11	0.00	2.20	5.11
Caldwell	86	46	66	-6	3793	2290	2333	0.00	-0.12	0.00	0.97	4.27
Emmett	88	49	67	-3	3610	2134	2061	0.00	-0.13	0.02	2.93	4.98
Mountain Home 5/	--	--	--	--	3659	2264	2042	0.00	-0.14	0.00	1.69	4.25
Parma	90	45	67	-2	3780	2270	1969	0.00	-0.17	0.00	1.79	4.73
Weiser	90	48	68	-1	4045	2507	1999	0.09	-0.04	0.10	2.29	4.32
Southcentral												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	3327	1876	1674	0.00	-0.11	0.00	2.08	4.40
Burley	89	41	62	-4	3108	1721	1614	0.00	-0.15	0.03	2.66	4.61
Hill City	87	32	60	-3	2463	1333	1099	0.02	-0.13	0.02	2.77	5.07
Hagerman	95	42	66	-4	3665	2193	2179	0.00	-0.15	0.00	1.72	4.05
Malta	93	39	64	-1	3138	1738	1509	0.00	-0.17	0.05	2.90	5.20
Twin Falls	80	41	61	-4	3092	1741	1529	0.00	-0.13	0.38	3.56	4.69
East												
Aberdeen	83	34	59	-5	2843	1548	1348	0.00	-0.16	0.01	2.86	4.79
Grace	90	38	64	1	2819	1566	1168	0.00	-0.33	0.00	7.34	8.07
Idaho Falls	87	34	62	-3	2714	1454	1423	0.00	-0.19	0.09	3.06	5.60
Malad City	93	43	71	4	3218	1899	1527	0.00	-0.27	0.00	3.11	7.51
Pocatello	88	37	64	-3	3087	1744	1605	0.00	-0.18	0.00	3.66	6.03
Rexburg	85	37	62	-2	2637	1414	1301	0.00	-0.23	0.32	2.15	7.16
Salmon	84	39	61	-4	2797	1508	1447	0.10	-0.09	0.11	1.45	5.87

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ^{1/}	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Emmett	85	74	87	73	85	75	85	75	85	73	82	74	84	72	85	74
Parma	69	68	68	67	68	68	68	67	67	66	--	--	--	--	68	67
Sandpoint	75	63	74	62	--	--	75	64	76	65	77	64	76	65	76	64
Twin Falls	78	61	80	63	77	63	70	57	--	--	70	57	72	57	75	60

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.